

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Marion County Solar Project, LLC for a	:	
Certificate of Environmental	:	
Compatibility and Public Need for a Solar	:	Case No. 21-0036-EL-BGN
Facility Located in Marion County, Ohio.	:	
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**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF**

Jon C. Pawley

**ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO,
POWER SITING DEPARTMENT**

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October 20, 2021

1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Jon C. Pawley, and my business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus OH 43215.
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission)
7 as a Supervisor within the Power Siting Department.
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9 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

10 A. I received an Associates of Applied Science degree in Architectural Tech-
11 nology from SUNY Alfred State College in 1986, a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
12 degree in Environmental Design from the University at Buffalo in 1991,
13 and a Masters of City and Regional Planning degree from The Ohio State
14 University in 1993.
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16 I have been employed at the Commission for roughly twenty years. My
17 responsibilities at the Commission have primarily involved social and
18 cultural resource matters associated with site planning of major utility
19 facilities in the state of Ohio. I have also been the Staff project lead on
20 numerous applications for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
21 Public Need before the Board. Additionally, I have over ten years of
22 experience in public and private sector development and planning.

1 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting
2 Board?

3 A. Yes. I have testified in numerous proceedings before the Board.
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5 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

6 A. I served as the overall Staff Project Lead for the investigation that resulted
7 in the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was filed September
8 13, 2021, in this docket. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation
9 of the Staff Report in this case. In addition, as a signatory party, Staff
10 supports the Joint Stipulation that was filed in this docket on October 13,
11 2021.
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13 6. Q. What kind of case is this?

14 A. The Applicant proposes to develop, construct, and operate a 100 MW solar-
15 powered electric facility to be located in Marion County, Ohio.
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17 7. Q. Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case.

18 A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site
19 visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information
20 from the Applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the
21 Board along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a
22 Staff Report of Investigation that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and

1 recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff recommends
2 that the Board approve the application, subject to the 32 conditions that are
3 presented in the Stipulation.
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5 8. Q. What impacts did Staff review for the project in arriving at this conclusion?

6 A. Staff reviewed various types of land use impacts including residential,
7 recreational, institutional, ecological, cultural resources, agricultural, and
8 overall geological suitability. Staff also reviewed the financial, noise,
9 safety, and aesthetic impacts of the project.
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11 9. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

12 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony
13 as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to
14 positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prefiled Testimony of Jon C. Pawley**, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Power Siting Department, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 20th day of October, 2021.

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